3307. [*Transferred to the 4th December, 1986*].

Drought situation in Maharashtra

3308. SHRI JAGESH DESAI:
SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYAWANTRAO PATIL:
SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the drought situation in Maharashtra;

(b) the number of villages facing drinking water problem at present and affected on account of failure of crops in Maharashtra and the number of problem villages likely to be provided drinking water in the next financial year;

(c) the extent of financial assistance provided by the entral Government to Maharashtra as against their demand and in which form; and

(d) whether any central team was sent to drought hit areas of Maharashtra and if so, what are their recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In their Memorandum seeking Central assistance for drought relief, the State Govt. has reported that 4829 villages have been affected due to drought conditions. The State Government has also reported that at present about 354 villages are facing acute shortage of drinking water. Though detailed information is not available with the Govt. of Maharashtra they have sought assistance on an adhoc basis assuming that 15,000 villages would be affected by drinking water scarcity by June, 1987.

(c) and (d) The Memorandum was received on 12 Nov. 1986 and a Central Team has scheduled a visit to the State from Dec. 9, 1986 to assess the drought situation and the requirement of Central assistance.

Itchampalli Project in Andhra Pradesh

3309. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for Itchampalli project to control the floods in Godavari river;

(b) if so, the total area to be irrigated by this project and details of power generation; and

(c) the present stage of the project and by when the project is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The preliminary report on Itchampalli Project received in 1980 in Central Water Commission from Andhra Pradesh does not contained provision for flood control in Godavari. It envisages irrigation of 1.21 lakh hectares and power generation with installed capacity of 660 MW.

(c) Detailed Project Report has not been received so far.

Exploration of mineral wealth in Andhra Pradesh

3310. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a thorough geological survey has been conducted in respect of the mineral wealth in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details of the various minerals proposed to be explored in Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) what is the total amount allocated for exploration work in Andhra Pradesh and steps taken for the purpose of exploration?